

Advantages of Annual 45 day Sessions with February Start and Bill Carryover

1- Stronger Legislature

- a. The legislature is empowered for a longer period of time
- b. The House is relevant for more than just 90 days
- c. Allows better Legislative oversight of agencies

2- Better Legislature

- a. Interim Committees will report to the Legislature that appointed them
- b. More time after election to prepare bill drafts
- c. More time for budget preparation
- d. More people will be able to take the time to serve

3- More Citizen Involvement

- a. More time for citizens to be involved in legislation
- b. Citizens will not have to come to Helena to be heard
- c. Lobbyists will have less influence